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TWELVE PAGES — TWO RIYALS



JOYFUL: Looking like any other newly married couple the Prince and Princess of Wales look happy on their honeymoon cruise aboard the royal yacht. For a while they will be away from all the fanfare and out of the public eye. When they return from their holiday it will be a completely different life full of protocol and ceremony. (Related story on page 3)

Envoy recalled

Frenchmen to leave Iran

PARIS, Aug. 5 (AP) — French President Francois Mitterrand asked all French citizens living in Iran to leave that country and recalled the French ambassador to Iran for consultations, according to an official communique Wednesday.

There have been angry demonstrations outside the French embassy in Tehran since France granted political asylum to former Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr. Iran has demanded Bani-Sadr's extradition.

The continuation (of demonstrations in Tehran could give birth to uncontrollable actions that would endanger French citizens living there) a communique from the presidential Elysee Palace said.

The president of the republic has, therefore, asked all French citizens (in Iran) return as soon as possible to France, and he has called our ambassador to Tehran home for consultations, the communique said.

"In his absence, the operation of our embassy will be conducted by a reduced staff. Iranian officials have been informed of this decision by a representative of the French government. There are an estimated 100-140 French citizens living in Iran, including the embassy staff.

Bani-Sadr went to France aboard an Iranian air force Boeing 707. He had been in hiding in Tehran for six weeks after being stripped of his military command and the presidency.

Wednesday's French presidential communique said: "The president has decided to ask our compatriots to return quickly to France and recalled the French ambassador for consultations."

Meanwhile, Tehran Radio monitored in London said Iran's Foreign Ministry Wednesday ordered French Ambassador Guy Getry to leave the country within three days. It quoted a spokesman for the foreign ministry as saying the decision was made because the French government had failed to comply with an Iranian demand for the extradition of Bani-Sadr.

A foreign ministry statement broadcast by the radio said the ambassador was being expelled because of the failure of the government of France to extradite Bani-Sadr and Masud Rajavi, leader of the radical Islamic Mujahedin-e-Khalq guerrilla group.

It said: since the French government, despite the existing extradition treaty between the two countries on the extradition of criminals, has given political asylum to Bani-Sadr and Rajavi, whose hands are tainted with the blood of thousands of sons of this country and are being prosecuted by judicial bodies.

"And since it has not given a positive answer to the Iranian demand on the extradition of these two terrorists, the French ambassador was summoned to the foreign ministry this morning and was told to leave the country within three days."

The Iranian government's chief spokesman Behzad Nabavi meanwhile, said at a Tehran press conference that Iran had warned France it would "react appropriately" if France became "a center for counter-revolutionaries."

The French decision to grant Bani-Sadr political asylum was "an unfriendly act on the part of France," he said.

France's subsequent decision to deliver four naval gunboats ordered by Iran had no bearing on bilateral relations, and Iran's future policy on France would be based on French actions, the spokesman said.

Iran's revolutionary authorities set up a committee to investigate the escape of Bani-Sadr and Rajavi aboard an air force plane from a fighter base adjoining Tehran's Mehrabad international airport. Its report is expected on Friday, according to the newly-elected President Muhammad Ali Rajai.

Cairo prohibits bombing reports

CAIRO, Aug. 5 (AP) — Apparently edgy about violence between Muslims and Christians, the Egyptian government Wednesday slapped a news ban on events surrounding a church bombing in which 59 persons were wounded.

The semi-official daily *Al-Ahram* carried a front-page story saying Prosecutor General Salah El Rashidi ordered the blackout "in the interest of the investigation the prosecution is currently conducting." There was no further trouble and it was unclear, on the face of the announcement, how the ban was to be implemented and whether it affected foreign correspondents.

The bombing at a wedding Sunday night came a month after the latest outbreak of strife between Egypt's overwhelming Muslim majority and its Coptic Christians. Three persons died in the blast, according to a statement released Monday by the public prosecutor's office, they were a Christian woman and a man and child who were Muslims.

Congress approves \$749b tax cuts

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (R) — President Ronald Reagan will crown a series of stunning congressional victories this week when he signs into law a bill cutting individual and business taxes by a record \$749 billion.

On Tuesday, the House of Representatives gave final congressional approval to the Republican president's bill, which will cut personal taxes by 25 percent three in years, and sent it to him for signature.

The vote followed a spectacular victory for Reagan's measure in the Democratic-controlled house last Wednesday after the Republican-dominated Senate had approved its own version of the bill. A House-Senate conference resolved differences between the two versions Saturday after an all-night session.

Congress had earlier approved cuts totaling \$36 billion in social spending programs for 1982, the other half of Reagan's plan to revitalize what he sees as a sleepy American economy burdened by high inflation and unemployment. The president is expected to sign the tax and budget cuts Thursday in a White House ceremony.

Democrats have charged that the tax cut, accompanied by social spending reductions, not only aids the rich at the expense of the poor but is a major gamble because it represents an untested economic theory. They say the tax cuts will drastically drain treasury revenues at a time when the administration also plans major defense spending increases resulting in continued federal budget deficits.

Reagan says the tax cuts and budget reductions will lift the sagging U.S. economy making up any tax losses to the treasury and leading to a balanced budget in 1984. House speaker Thomas O'Neill said Reagan was now fully responsible for the American economy and had to prove that his massive tax and budget cuts would work.



STRANDED: Air traffic has been crippled in the United States by the strike of the traffic controllers. Many flights are canceled, or delayed. Picture shows passengers waiting with their luggage to check on their connecting flights at the JFK Airport. The controllers have ignored a \$100,000 fine threat per hour and the strike continues Wednesday. (Wirephoto)

Reagan firm on AWACS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan reaffirmed his plan to sell highly sophisticated radar-equipped jets to Saudi Arabia and asked congressional leaders Wednesday not to prejudice his proposal, which a majority of the Senate has opposed.

The president said that sending the aircraft to Saudi Arabia, and improving the F-15 jet fighters already sold to the Kingdom, would improve Saudi Arabian security and strengthen it in the region, while also being in the interest of the United States and the Western alliance.

He said the sale would also make clear to the Soviet Union and governments in the Middle East that the United States "is determined to assist in preserving security and stability in southwest Asia."

The administration wants to sell five radar and control systems (AWACS) aircraft. The sale needs congressional approval.

The president made his plea to Congress in a letter to Senate majority leader Howard H. Baker Jr., Republican-Tennessee; minority leader Robey C. Byrd, Democrat-West Virginia; House Speaker Thomas O'Neill Jr., Democrat-Massachusetts; and house minority leader Robert Michel, Republican-Illinois.

Reagan has not formally sought congressional approval of the sale, but more than half of the Senate has indicated opposition. "I am aware that information from a variety of sources has been circulating on Capitol Hill regarding this sale and that many members have been under some pressure to take an early position against it," the president wrote in a letter distributed by the White House press office. "I hope that no one will prejudice our proposal before it is presented. We will make a strong case to the Congress that it is in the interest of our country, the Western alliance and stability in the Middle East," he wrote. "Meanwhile, as the Congress prepares for its August recess, I would appreciate your support and assistance in urging that members do not prejudice this important issue until they have had the opportunity to hear the administration's views."

The president said the submission of the plan had been held back so that an understanding could be reached with Saudi Arabia which will ensure that the equipment provided will be employed to our mutual benefit and that the U.S. technology and systems involved will be fully protected.

Spokesman gives misleading facts about Neumann

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP) — White House spokesman David Gergen conceded Tuesday provided misleading information last week about the ouster of Robert Neumann as U.S. ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

While continuing to insist that Neumann resigned and was not fired, Gergen said, "there were obviously a lot of circumstances that preceded his resignation."

Sources who asked not to be identified say secretary of State Alexander Haig sought Neumann's ouster after the ambassador criticized him in a private meeting on Capitol Hill. For the record, the White House would say only that Neumann resigned for personal reasons.

At one point last week Gergen told reporters that the health of Neumann's wife was a factor in his resignation. Neumann later denied that his wife was ill.

"In that sense, it was misleading," Gergen said Tuesday, acknowledging that health reasons were not a factor. "What was attempted last week," he added, "was an effort to protect the privacy of various individuals."

Black out hits 6th of Britain

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AFP) — A sixth of Britain was blacked out Wednesday when a technical problem cut electricity in Wales and southern and southwest England. The capital was not affected, but a spokesman for the Central Electricity Generating Board described the blackout as the "biggest for 20 years."

At Southampton General Hospital, the biggest medical complex in the region, a spokesman said that emergency services were operating normally.

Police reported no problems with traffic, saying that motorists had slowed down on their own initiative when traffic lights ceased working. By 1:00 p.m. local time power had been restored to southern England, but the southwest and Wales were still without electricity.

The Electricity Board spokesman said that industry had been seriously affected by the blackout. In Wales, a major Ford auto engine plant was forced to stop production.

The blackout originated in the west Midlands at 0808 GMT, touching off a chain reaction that swept round the south of the country, leaving out the London region.

In New York, Tuesday Judge Thomas Platt ordered Patco to begin paying damages of \$2.4 million a day for violating an anti-strike injunction which he issued against Patco in 1970. In Washington, Judge Harold Greene Monday ordered Patco to pay escalating fines which will reach a million dollars a day.

The Reagan administration has offered full amnesty to all controllers who return to work by Wednesday deadline. At the same time, however, Justice Department officials have been proceeding with criminal complaints against regional union officials who have joined in the illegal walkout. Under U.S. law government workers are prohibited from striking.

What makes this strike unusual is that it pits the government against a union whose

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Athens fires extinguished

ATHENS, Aug. 5 (AP) — Firemen and troops have succeeded in putting out fires in Athens' northern suburbs, fire chief Dimitrios Xifaras said Wednesday.

The fire, which started Tuesday, had raged through posh, wooded residential areas, about 16 kms north of here, destroying large sections of woodland and numerous houses. There were no reports of casualties. Arson was suspected and police said an investigation was under way.

But as Athens prepared to clear up, more fires were breaking out in other parts of the country, and continuing in other areas that have been battling the blazes for the last two days.

State radio reported that in the province of Elia southern Greece, a young shepherd burned to death as he tried to save his flock, and a newspaper reported the death of an 80-year-old man in the region. Elia, one of the worst hit areas, was declared in a state of emergency Tuesday.

On the Island of Chios in the eastern Aegean, about 15,000 acres of bush and trees were destroyed, while the Ionian Island of Zakynthos was still blazing after several days.

Fire which broke out near Patra, Greece's third largest city, were threatening the northern suburbs. Strong winds contributed to difficulties encountered in putting out the fires, sources said.



ATHENS FIRES: Smoke from fires rises above the northern suburbs of Athens Tuesday. Fifteen small factories, three apartment buildings and two hospitals were gutted in a blaze that sent residents fleeing into the city center. (Wirephoto)

Iraqis report fierce battles

NICOSIA, Aug. 5 (AP) — Iraq said Tuesday its forces fought fierce battles with Iranians in various spots along the 300-mile battlefield, killing 381 Iranian troops in 24 hours.

A communique carried by the official Iraqi News Agency said 180 Iranians were killed in two battles near the southern Iranian town of Dezful where "the enemy was hit with various kinds of weapons and forced to retreat." The communique conceded 18 Iraqi troops were killed on the battlefield.

An Iranian joint staff communique carried by Iran's Pars news agency, said the Iranians killed or wounded 80 Iraqis in 24 hours of fighting. But it made no specific mention of the Dezful clashes reported by Iraq.

It said an Iraqi convoy of 10 military trucks was ambushed on the western border and "effectively stopped and destroyed by Iranian artillery fire."

Mitterrand coming on September 26

PARIS, Aug. 5 (AFP) — French President Francois Mitterrand will pay an official visit to Saudi Arabia from Sept. 26 to 28, it was announced here Wednesday after a cabinet meeting. It will be Mitterrand's first official visit since taking office on May 21.

King Khalid came to Paris on June 13, the first foreign head of state to visit the new French president.

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Bodies of Italian victims to be flown home—envoy

JEDDAH, Aug. 5 — The bodies of nine Italian nationals, who died when a 12-story building collapsed last month, will be returned to Italy by a special military plane, according to Italian Ambassador Marcello Salimei Wednesday.

The envoy said that all the workers' bodies that were trapped under the massive debris from one wing of a housing complex had been recovered recently. The number of bodies belonging to other nationals involved in the disaster was not known by the ambassador, but officials estimated at the time of the tragedy that a total of about 33 workers had died.

Although no definite departure time has been set for the aircraft, Salimei said the plane probably will depart with the bodies by Friday. He praised the work of Saudi Arabian officials in the repatriation of the bodies, saying, "cooperation was effectively given in what was a very complex situation."

Recovery of the bodies was made more difficult as a result of several factors. At the time of the rescue operation, a Jeddah Municipality plan ready

MEDINA, Aug. 5 — Medina municipality has prepared an integrated plan to cope with this year's pilgrimage season, says Mayor Sadaga Hassan Khasboggi. He told *Al-Medina* Wednesday that Governor Prince Abdulrahman bin Abdulaziz is in constant touch with the authorities to ensure the plan's success.

ipality spokesman said the debris had become a compact block of concrete. Also, Salimei said there existed a danger of the other wings collapsing.

The municipality official said the danger resulted from vibrations of heavy equipment removing the debris. In addition, a hill of debris rested against the remaining structure, which caused it to lean.

As a result, officials called in an American demolition expert to topple the remaining wings. A subsidiary danger the expert had to consider was preventing demolition debris from falling on the old debris, which would have prevented rescuers from reaching the trapped bodies.

Following the July 15 accident, Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi set up a technical committee to investigate the collapse. The committee includes a consultant company, Darul Handassah, representatives from King Abdul Aziz University of Jeddah; the Ministry of Public Works and Housing; the consultant of the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu and the U.S. Bechtel company. The committee is studying the building's architectural plans to pinpoint reasons for the building's collapse.

The complex, belonging to Sheikh Sulaiman Al-Agi, was being built by an Italian contracting company, in joint venture with him. The Italian ambassador said the investigation is still being conducted and the committee's final report will provide the answer to what went wrong and who is at fault.

WAMY and OIC plan youth camp in Kuala Lumpur

JEDDAH, Aug. 5 — Two Islamic organizations, based in the Kingdom, will hold an international Islamic youth camp in Malaysia from Aug. 9 to 19, the local press reported Wednesday. The World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY), based in Riyadh, will organize the camp in Kuala Lumpur, in cooperation with the 42-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) and the Malaysian government.

More than 100 youths from the various continents as well as members of Muslim communities in Australia and the Pacific will attend the camp, according to WAMY Secretary General Dr. Ahmed Ba Hafizullah. Diverse intellectual, cultural, sports and Islamic educational activities are planned for the duration of the camp.

Hafizullah said that WAMY receives a very generous support from Saudi Arabia to the tune of \$5 million annually which it spends on Muslim youth welfare, in consultation with Islamic organizations all over the world and its own branches in Jordan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Britain and Canada.

COMMENT

By Muhammad Omar Al-Amoudi
Al-Medina

For sometime, we believed that public service is only a graveyard of human capabilities and private business is the easiest way to achieve one's ambitions and to amass wealth. We also believed that one remains tied down as an official, but feels free after giving up public service.

Though these beliefs have not proved their soundness, still we hasten to congratulate if someone gives up a public job, and similarly we wish a bright future for another who decides to come out of the official domain. If we continue to cling to such thoughts, the administrative machinery will become devoid of the much-needed capable hands. It is not always true that business leads to riches, for we find many young men who now cry for the job they already kicked to become businessmen. I remember one of them saying that one really feels free in a public service but losses that feeling after embarking on a private business.

Only a few days ago, I met one of my friends, 'Badr Krayem, who relinquished the post of director general of broadcasting to join a private service. Even earlier, another outstanding media official, Muhammad Haidar Mishaik had preferred business to media service. I am afraid some others might follow their suit one day and deprive the country's information services of capable young men whose rise to the present level of efficiency has not been an easy matter.

Official flays equipment quality

JEDDAH, Aug. 5 — A senior official of the Communications Ministry has criticized foreign companies for submitting equipment not fully proven in their own countries and which are inconsistent with the Kingdom's real needs.

In an interview with *Al-Medina* Wednesday, Dr. Mohiddin Darwish, the transportation undersecretary said that by doing so the companies are turning Saudi Arabia into a test field for their equipment.

He added that the ideal way to cope with the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims who flock to the holy places every year and need transportation is to use conventional tramways. Foreign companies, aware of this reality, are trying to sell Saudi Arabia impractical ideas, such as the aero-train and other new equipment that are still under experiment in their own countries.

They are proposing small trains that cannot carry more than 20-30 passengers, though what is needed is tramways with a capacity of at least 500 pilgrims each, he added. The minister, Hussein Mansouri, recently commissioned the British rails to prepare a study on a railway network in the Western Region in general, and the holy places in particular.

The proposed network will start from Arafat then proceed to Muzdalifa, Mena, Jeddah, Jeddah Islamic port, King Abdul Aziz International Airport, Yanbu, Rabegh where two refineries are built; and later to Medina. The project would be implemented only in case the Hijaz railway is recommissioned.

Darwish said that the use of tramways will reduce dependence on buses. The Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company (SAPTCO) has been permitted, as a member of the Central Pilgrimage Committee and the Supreme Pilgrimage Committee, to operate a 200-bus service in the holy places last year. It carried an average of 64,000 pilgrims daily, he added.

Private cars were indefinitely banned from entering the holy places during the pilgrimage season two years ago. SAPTCO has been

Turki finances Riyadh mosque

RIYADH, Aug. 5 — A large mosque, built at the expense of Prince Turki bin Abdul Aziz, has been completed and will open to prayer performers soon. According to Prince Turki's office Wednesday, the mosque, located in Ulayya District, accommodates more than 3,000 people. This move is part of the prince's attention given to charitable activities.

Last week, Prince Turki donated SRI million in favor of the Marriage Welfare Society. It helps young Saudi Arabian men, who cannot afford the high cost of marriage, get married. The society received support from King Khalid, Crown Prince Fahd, many other princes and leading personalities.

given monopoly of public transport all over the Kingdom, the official said. He added that private mini-buses which have been a familiar feature for a long time can no longer operate in the streets. A decree was issued to this effect two months ago.

SAPTCO ensures its services at least 18 hours a day and is heavily subsidized by the state to operate in areas where expenses exceed profit. Darwish said that subsidies received by SAPTCO in the past two years almost equal its capital. In some routes, for each SR1 ticket bought by a passenger the government pays SR4 to SR16, he added.

The communications ministry decides on the operation of routes by the company. It has also been given priority for transportation in the holy places.

The official defended the price charged by the new Saudi Limousines Company which carries travelers from the new King Abdul Aziz Airport to the city center and vice-versa, saying that the fare (maximum SR60) is justifiable. The limousines are not ordinary taxis and cannot operate inside the city. Very often they would have to return without passengers, Darwish said.

Prayer Times

Thursday	Makkah	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr	4:31	4:27	3:58	3:42	4:07	4:33
Dhuhr	12:27	12:27	11:59	11:46	12:10	12:40
Asr	3:46	3:54	3:25	3:16	3:40	4:14
Maghrib	6:58	7:03	6:35	6:24	6:49	7:22
Isha	8:28	8:33	8:05	7:54	8:19	8:52



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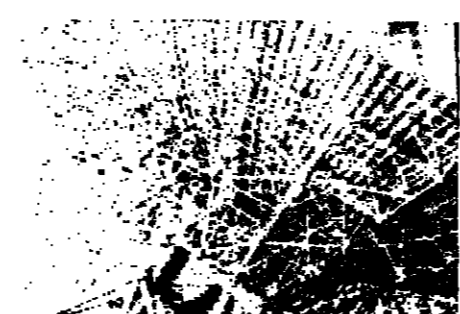
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Before the boom business transactions in the Kingdom took over in an informal atmosphere in some plush suite of a five-star hotel. But now things are changing. *Scott Pendleton* talks to people and records his impressions on page 20 on how the concept of modern office space has finally taken root.



Not only the Kingdom's oil but its mines too have a significant record. In an interview with *Younis Muhammad Isaac*, Deputy Minister for Mines Ghazi Sultan talks about the generous financial incentives offered to foreign companies for exploration and outlines some of the mining work done by the companies.



Bahrain has taken over the advanced telecommunications company Cable and Wireless. The British company will keep 40 per cent of the shares and the Bahrain government and its nominees will claim the rest. *Louise Denver* reports on the takeover.

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Haig cool to Sadat's plea on PLO role

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (Agencies) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig Wednesday gave a cool reception to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's suggestion that the United States open a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Haig said "there requirements are clear" for any role by the Palestinians in Middle East peace discussions: Acceptance of the United Nations resolutions on Israel, and "recognition of the existence and right of Israel to exist."

Sadat arrived in Washington Tuesday night for two days of talks starting Wednesday morning with President Reagan. He made his suggestion of contacts between the United States and the PLO during a stopover in London. Asked during a television interview whether participation in Middle East discussions was entirely up to the PLO, Haig replied, "I think that's very clear."

The Sadat visit was considered the first step in framing the Reagan administration's Middle East policy. Haig said it was "much too early to speculate" that the United States would seek to set up a summit meeting with Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin on Palestinian autonomy.

Sadat, at his first ever meeting with Reagan is expected to pursue his campaign to have the PLO involved in the Middle East peace process.

U.S. officials said President Reagan would probably rebuff the idea of any U.S. dialogue with the PLO feeling bound by a 1975 commitment to Israel not to negotiate with the PLO unless it accepted Israel's right to exist.

But many State Department officials are hoping that Sadat will persuade the conservative Reagan to alter some of his personal views on the Middle East, which are at variance with department thinking.

U.S. officials said major developments should not be expected from the three scheduled sessions of talks between the two leaders, although they hinted at a possible expansion of bilateral military relations. More important, they said, was that the two leaders, who have never met before, should establish confidence in each other.

White House spokesman David Gergen said Wednesday he did not foresee Reagan altering U.S. policy. The president felt strongly that the PLO had to accept Israel's right to exist, he said. He however, said they expected these views to undergo some modification during his meetings with Sadat.

A major purpose of the visit for both Sadat and Reagan is to discuss ways of resuming the stalled discussions between Israel and Egypt on autonomy for the 1.5 million Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. This is the major unfinished business from the 1978 Camp David Accords. U.S. officials have said they will welcome Sadat's views on how to resume the talks. However, his suggestion for involvement of the PLO is certain to be received coolly by Reagan.

Sadat said Israel and the United States had already recognized the Palestinians by arriving at the July 24 ceasefire between Palestinians and Israelis on the Lebanon fighting.

Parliament member escapes Top IRP theoretician shot dead by gunmen

BEIRUT, Aug. 5 (Agencies) — Assassins shot and killed a leading figure in Iran's ruling Islamic Republican Party Wednesday only hours after gunmen tried unsuccessfully to kill another member of parliament, the official Pars news agency reported.

Despite the ongoing wave of rub-outs and bombings, 168 members of parliament convened and gave an overwhelming vote of confidence to the newly-appointed Prime Minister Hojatolislam Muhammad Javad Bahonar, the head of the clergy dominated IRP. Pars said that Hassan Ayat, the IRP's theoretician and member of parliament, was ambushed as he left his house in an eastern suburb of the capital for the parliament session. He was hit in the head and died in a Tehran hospital.

Two of Ayat's bodyguards were wounded in the attack, one of them seriously. The attack was blamed on counterrevolutionaries who opened fire from a car and then sped away. A similar hit-and-run attack was carried out against Bahaeddin Alamolhoda, a member of parliament, as he was leaving his home in Tehran for prayers Tuesday night, Pars said, adding that Alamolhoda escaped unharmed but a bodyguard was wounded in the nose by gunmen in a passing car.

Observers in Tehran said that government spokesman Behzad Nabavi condemned the attacks as an "act of terrorism."

Reports from hospital said that two bullets were shot in Ayat's head and eye, causing serious bleeding which resulted in his martyrdom.

In Cairo, the self-proclaimed Shah of Iran disclosed Wednesday that he is making "concerted plans" with opposition forces to overthrow Ayatollah Khomeini. In a 600-word statement to "patriots" in Iran and abroad,

Reza Pahlavi called for a "national uprising to destroy the forges of evil" as the only way to salvation from the present hell."

In Moscow, Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev has sent a telegram of congratulations to the Iranian President Rajai, expressing the hope that cooperation between the two countries would grow. TASS news agency said. The telegram said: "Please accept my congratulations and good wishes upon your election to the high post of the president of the Islamic Republic of Iran. 'I would like to express the hope that relations between the Soviet Union and the Islamic Republic of Iran will develop on the basis of equality, respect for sovereignty and mutually advantageous cooperation, meeting the vital interests of the peoples of our neighboring countries.'

In London, Iranian students Tuesday began a hunger strike to protest against the imprisonment, torture and execution of left-wing opponents of the government in Tehran. About 70 students, including 20 girls, were camped in the middle of a street near Trafalgar Square, which was crowded with thousands of tourists. A spokesman who said he did not want to be named because of fear of reprisals, said most of them had relatives in Iranian prisons.

Meanwhile, Iran demanded an explanation from the West German government Tuesday for the attacks on Iranian diplomatic missions in Bonn and West Berlin, and warned Germany would suffer "inescapable consequences" if such attacks continued. About 25 Iranian expatriates stormed the Iranian consulate in West Berlin Tuesday to protest the Islamic government in their country. They later surrendered to German police.

Gunshots injure Fateh leader

WARSAW, Aug. 5 (Agencies) — Muhammad Daoud Odeh, a leader of Fateh Palestinian resistance movement, was shot five times and wounded seriously here last Saturday, the Palestinian Liberation Organization representative said Wednesday.

PLO spokesman Foad Mahmoud said the shooting took place in the coffee shop of the Victoria Intercontinental Hotel, and that Odeh was in a serious condition in a Warsaw hospital. Yaseen said in a telephone interview that the shooting was certainly done "for political motives" and blamed "Zionist activities."

"They were following our man and they hunted him here and chose the most convenient moment for them to shoot him," Yaseen said.

Yaseen said: "There was an assailant and he escaped. He apparently had people waiting for him outside the hotel."

Begin forms cabinet

TEL AVIV, Aug. 5 (R) — Prime Minister Menahem Begin Wednesday formally presented his 17-man new coalition government to the Israeli Knesset (parliament), naming Ariel (Arik) Sharon as defense minister. The Knesset will be asked to approve this new government, which political analysts expect to be more hawkish on Middle East affairs than any previous Israeli administration.

Eight members of the former Begin cabinet retained their old jobs including Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Finance Minister Yoram Arior. The rest were mainly former ministers in new positions. Even with the support of the Knesset's three religious parties, Begin's Likud bloc command only a bare majority of 61 seats in the 120-member chamber.

Tamir's leader Aharon Abuhazzeira was given a multiple post including the portfolios of labor, welfare and immigrant absorption. The NRP secured two posts with Yosef Burg retaining his job as interior minister and Zvulun Hammer staying on as education minister. Burg's domain was expanded to include charge of the religious affairs ministry.

U.S. using Sinai pact to build up army

MOSCOW, Aug. 5 (R) — The Soviet Union has accused the United States of using the new peace accord between Egypt and Israel signed in Washington Monday as a cover for stepping up its military presence in the Middle East.

The official Tass news agency said the accord, under which both sides agreed to allow a U.S.-dominated peace-keeping force to police the Sinai border between them, was made to look like a new round in Washington's Middle-East peace process. "However in effect the agreement is nothing but a smokescreen to conceal plans to replace Israeli occupationist troops in that strategically-important region with U.S. occupationist troops," Tass said.

EEC plan rejected outright Russia wants Afghans included in discussions

MOSCOW, Aug. 5 (Agencies) — The Soviet Union Wednesday spelled out its objections to a European Common Market initiative on Afghanistan and said it formed no basis for the withdrawal of its troops from the country.

The Communist Party daily Pravda published a commentary which was the first detailed Soviet reply to the West European proposals since they were put forward by British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington during a visit to Moscow last month. Western diplomats said the article, which followed several attacks on the proposals in the Soviet media in the past four weeks, amounted to a final and outright rejection.

The commentary said Moscow could not accept the EEC's call for an international conference on the Afghan issue without the presence of the Soviet-backed government in Kabul. Written by Alexei Petrov, a pen-name signifying the article carries the highest authority, the commentary said Soviet troops could be withdrawn from Afghanistan only on the basis of proposals put forward by Kabul in May last year.

These would involve the presence of Afghan leaders as equal partners in any international settlement talks, thus effectively gaining formal recognition for the government, which was set up when Soviet forces intervened in December 1979.

The Common Market plan, aimed at securing an early withdrawal of the estimated 85,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan, proposed a two-stage conference which would not include any Afghans in his first phase. Pravda said it was unrealistic to discuss the country's problems without officials from Kabul and complained that the plan also give no guarantees they would be the "representatives of the

Afghan people" at the second stage of the conference.

Meanwhile, United Nations envoy Javier Perez de Cuellar had a brief meeting in Karachi with Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi at the start of a mission to bring Afghanistan to the conference table with its neighbors Pakistan and Iran.

Shahi told reporters the 45-minute meeting Tuesday was extremely useful and enabled him to clarify Pakistan's attitude to negotiations with Afghanistan aimed at a political solution in the country and the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

On the battlefront, heavy fighting has been raging since last week between anti-communist fighters and Soviet and Afghan government troops near the strategic town of Kapsia in Afghanistan's Parwan province, a Kabul source reported in New Delhi Tuesday. President Babrak Karmal's government rushed military reinforcements, including Soviet tanks and armored personnel carriers, in an effort to wrest control of the rebel-held town. The source, who asked not to be identified but who has been accurate in the past, said the government force suffered heavy casualties in the fighting. Freedom fighters destroyed at least four Soviet tanks and several trucks, the source added.

The source reported authorities in Kabul were sending police units to beef up the government force near Kapsia.

In Kandahar nearly half the shopkeepers have left their stores because of heavy fighting in the region, diplomatic sources said in New Delhi. The sources also reported fighting in Ghazni and Kabul provinces. Kandahar had been one of the strongholds of the rebels since the Soviet armed intervention in December 1979.

In south Lebanon Israel attacks refugee camps

BEIRUT, Aug. 5 (Agencies) — Palestine Liberation Organization said Wednesday an Israeli gunboat fired machinegun volleys into a refugee camp in southern Lebanon, charging the overnight raid was a violation of the 13-day-old ceasefire.

A communiqué said the gunboat fired at Rashidieh and Ras al-Ain refugee camps on the southern flank of the port city of Tyre, 20 kms north of the Israeli border. It spoke of no casualties or a retaliation.

Lebanon's state radio described the naval attack on Rashidieh as an "aggression" and a "serious violation of the ceasefire. But PLO sources in Beirut and Lebanese reporters on the scene said the standoff was

still intact. Israeli helicopters had also flown over parts of south Lebanon and before midnight military vehicles were seen moving into the towns of Klea and Marjayoun in the Israeli-backed rightist enclave in southern Lebanon, Wafa reported. Israel agreed to a ceasefire in southern Lebanon July 24 after two weeks of devastating ground, naval and air strikes against Palestinian and civilian targets in Beirut and the south.

Israeli warplanes broke the sound barrier twice over Beirut at mid-morning for the second time since Israeli and Syrian jets clashed in a dogfight over Lebanon July 29 and Israel claimed a Soviet-made MiG-25 was shot down, according to Beirut radio.

U.S. wants UNIFIL to be bolstered

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP) — The United States may try to strengthen the United Nations military force in southern Lebanon as part of a new Middle East peace effort, the Reagan administration said Tuesday.

State Department spokesman Dean Fischer indicated that a presidential envoy Philip C. Habib brought up the possibility of an expanded U.N. peacekeeping force in recent discussions with United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

Fischer said efforts to expand the area and responsibility of the U.N. Interim Forces in Lebanon — generally referred to as UNIFIL —

is an active possibility as the United States moves to take advantage of the ceasefire between Israeli and Palestinian fighters inside Lebanon arranged for in part by Habib's efforts.

He said any bolstering of UNIFIL would have to be approved by the United Nations Security Council which created the unit in the first place and deployed it in southern Lebanon along the Lebanese-Israeli border. The United States also will continue efforts to strengthen the Lebanese central government to take control of the entire country by supplanting warring factions.

Birthrate drops among Jews

TEL AVIV, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Israel's birthrate has dropped in the last decade among both its Jewish and Palestinian population, according to figures published Wednesday by the Central Bureau of Statistics. But the Palestinian population continued to reproduce faster than the Jewish population.

With 94,300 births recorded in 1980, the birthrate among the Jews was 24.3 per

thousand, and 36.5 per thousand among the non-Jewish population. The average Jewish couple in 1980 has 2.8 children compared to 3.4 children a decade ago. The average Israeli Palestinian family today has 5.4 children, compared to 7.7 in 1970.

Israel's population stands at 3.9 million with 600,000 Palestinians. The study did not include Palestinians in territories occupied in the 1967 Mideast war.

Emilio Colombo may mediate Somali-Ethiopian dispute

MOGADISHU, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Visiting Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo began a first round of talks here Tuesday with his Somali counterpart, Abdurrahman Jama Barre, which informed sources said would concentrate on the two countries' traditional realtions.

The two states are expected to sign an accord on wider technical and economic cooperation during Colombo's three-day visit. The Horn of Africa will also be reviewed by the two foreign ministers, although Colombo said on arrival Monday night that the solution of the conflict lay in the hands of Africans. He said, however, that Italy and the rest of the European Economic Community were interested in peace in the Horn of Africa.

Asked if his visit had any connection with one he paid to Ethiopia in April, the Italian foreign minister said that the region's peace was among the topics he discussed in Ethiopia and that he was going to do the same in Somalia. "If something useful comes out of this, it would be a great satisfaction for me," he said, indicating he might play a mediation role if he found differences between the two neighbor states.

Somalia and Ethiopia are at loggerheads over the Ethiopian-held Ogaden region. The government in Mogadishu says its ethnic Somali inhabitants should be allowed to "exercise their right to self-determination," while the authorities in Addis Ababa insist it is part of Ethiopia whose "territorial integrity cannot be questioned."

Kuwait spurns U.S. Hawks

KUWAIT, Aug. 5 (AP) — Kuwait's Defense Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah disclosed Wednesday his government has rejected for financial reasons an offer by the U.S. government to sell Kuwait an advanced version of the Hawk missile anti-aircraft. He also reported substantial progress in Kuwait's new negotiations to purchase weapons from the Soviet Union.

He added that a high-ranking Kuwaiti military team "with far-reaching authorization" will visit Moscow next month "to finalize negotiations for purchasing Soviet weapons necessary for the Kuwaiti armed forces: including long-range, medium-range and short-range arms." He added the preliminary talks in this respect concluded in Moscow last month by a Kuwaiti military team had been "constructive."

Also appearing in the Kuwaiti military parade this year together with U.S.-made weaponry, were Soviet armaments, including the 60-mile-range ground-to-ground Luna missile.

Klibi meets Carrington

LONDON, Aug. 5 — Secretary-General of the Arab League, Chadli Klibi, held brief but positive talks in London Tuesday with Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington.

In Their 50-minute meeting Carrington and Klibi discussed general political questions affecting the Middle East, especially the Arab-Israeli dispute. In common with President Sadat of Egypt during his London talks the day before, Klibi emphasized the significance of the recent Lebanese ceasefire as a step on which to construct a comprehensive peace settlement.

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Ziyang to visit Manila today

MANILA, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang arrives here Thursday on the first leg of a three-nation tour of non-Communist Southeast Asia. His tour comes in the wake of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) diplomatic offensive against Vietnamese presence in Kampuchea, definitely placing China and her once unlikely allies on the same side of the fence.

China's own "unity in adversity" theory, however, still aptly describes Peking's relations with her staunchly anti-Communist neighbors who fear the spread of Communism in their own lands. The Philippines, Malaysia and Singapore, which the Chinese premier will visit, are part of the five-nation ASEAN.

Kampuchea and other regional problems, as well as Communist insurgency problems will likely be topics of concern during the visit of the highest ever Chinese official here. At the same time, increased trade and exchanges in technology will be the field of more concrete deliberations as Southeast Asian developing countries acknowledge the view that increasing political and economic stability will decrease their insecurity about their Communist neighbors.

The Chinese premier is scheduled to meet with Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos for talks. He will also be visiting thermal projects and educational institutions in the country. The visit caps more the five years of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Meanwhile, China's leading newspaper Wednesday warned the nation against "any form of subservience" toward foreign countries. In a commentary on a resolution adopted last June at the sixth plenum of the Communist Party central committee, the official People's Daily said China must "protect its independence and show self-reliance in undertaking its economic construction."

Noting that the plenum resolution had called on the Chinese people "to retain our dignity and our national self-confidence" and



Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang

"guard against any form of subservience or debasement in relations with any power", the Communist Party organ urged the nation to beware of "capitalists who are only concerned about profits."

"During the sixties and the seventies, our partners led us by the nose ... We made mistakes in the economic field both domestically and abroad, but the (plenum) resolution has remedied this situation," the paper added. It blamed "capitalists" for having agreed to sign contracts worth several thousand million dollars with China without having advised Peking to carry out preliminary feasibility or profitability studies.

Without questioning the regime's current policy of developing ties with foreign countries, the People's Daily stressed "the harmful effects" on the country's "economic construction" which followed the "blind" importation of advanced technology and huge equipment from abroad.

In Geneva, China Tuesday called on nuclear powers to pledge guarantees safeguarding nations without nuclear weapons from attack as a prelude to wide-ranging international commitment to nuclear disarmament.

Addressing the United Nations Disarmament Committee, Chinese delegate Yu Peiwen criticized "certain" nuclear powers for opposing nuclear proliferation and also the development of nuclear energy in other countries while at the same time building up their own nuclear arsenals.

"This is unjust and an affront to the sovereignty of these states," Yu said, adding that China was opposed to the spread of nuclear weapons.

36th General Assembly session Four Asians vie for U.N. presidency

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 5 (R) — With the regular session of the United Nations General Assembly — the 36th — only a few weeks away, four Asian diplomats are battling for the honor of presiding over the three-month proceedings.

The four are Kwa-jia Muhammad Kaiser of Bangladesh, Ismat Kittani of Iraq, T.T.B. Koh of Singapore, and Abdul Halim Khaddam of Syria. Khaddam is his country's deputy prime minister and foreign minister. Kaiser and Koh are chief U.N. delegates, and Kittani is a senior adviser to the Iraqi foreign minister who has served both as a delegate and a secretariat official at the United Nations.

The assembly presidency, considered the most prestigious of all U.N. offices, is passed around among the regional groups. The current president is from Western Europe: Ruediger von Weichmar of West Germany. Before him, Salim Ahmed Salim of Tanzania was Africa's nominee and now it is Asia's turn.

The regional groups try to form a consensus behind a single choice, but such an accord has eluded the Asian group so far. There have been contests before, although seldom if ever with so many candidates as



Abdul Halim Khaddam of Syria

there now are for the presidency.

Last year, Jaime de Pinies, the chief delegate of Spain, ran against Von Weichmar. De Pinies, a popular and skillful diplomat, withdrew shortly before the assembly began, permitting the West German's unopposed election.

Reports at the time suggested that only

high-level intervention by the West German government persuaded Madrid to direct its envoy to drop out. Spain was later elected to a two-year term on the Security Council and this was widely regarded as a consolation prize.

Diplomats said there was no clear favorite among the present contenders, although Kaiser was given a slight edge. Koh, known to his friends as Tommy, is already president of the U.N. conference on the law of the sea, which reopened Tuesday in Geneva.

Kittani, a popular former executive assistant to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, is said to have a wide following. But the fact that Iraq is in a state of war with both Israel and Iran could harm his chances, diplomats said.

Khaddam is perhaps the least well known of the candidates in U.N. diplomatic circles, but his high office is not an obstacle to election. Several foreign ministers have been elected in the past.

The session opens on Sept. 15, and by then the field may have been narrowed, even to a single nominee. If not, the candidate receiving the largest vote will be elected by secret ballot.

U.S. media said inadequate to cover new plan

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 5 (AP) — A press officer for the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has come up with his own solution to the problem of unfriendly American press coverage of UNESCO's continuing discussion of a new world information order.

"Personally ... I think that this is the wrong kind of story for the American press to cover," said Joseph Mehan, UNESCO's chief of public information for the United States, based at U.N. headquarters.

Mehan, himself a former National Broadcasting Co. newsmen, explained Tuesday that in his opinion American reporters preferred to get their stories from quick briefings and write them quickly.

"They don't know how to read documents," he contended, nor how to follow a subject through long, complicated proceedings in the manner required for proper coverage of UNESCO issues.

His seeming implication that it might be

better if American reporters simply ignored the whole UNESCO debate on communications came at a briefing he gave for U.N. correspondents to answer complaints about some trends in the debate.

"There is no new world information order yet," he said. "It's an abstraction in search of a concrete identity ... An immense variety of suggestions."

Mehan handed out a list of elements on which such an order "could be based," as approved at the UNESCO general conference in Belgrade last October.

The list included freedom of the press, removal of obstacles to a free flow of information, "respect for each people's cultural identity," respect for the right of ethnic and social groups "to participate actively in the communication process" and elimination of present "imbalances" and of "the negative effects of certain monopolies."

Mehan also said, "there is no licensing of journalists." Asked to explain concern in the

Western press that UNESCO might be moving in that direction, he said there had indeed been a proposal for such licensing put forward by a French professor at a UNESCO-sponsored meeting of journalists' organizations in Paris last February.

2,000 Chinese die of cancer everyday

PEKING, Aug. 5 (R) — Nearly 2,000 persons die of cancer in China everyday, according to an official Chinese newspaper.

The weekly publication *Peking Science and Technology* said one in six men and one in 10 women in the world's most populous nation could expect to die of malignant tumors.

Each year 700,000 persons die of the disease. Of China's billion people, a million on average had cancer each year — 0.1 percent of the population. The paper said cancer incidence appeared to be on the increase, but did not offer any explanation for this.

Noted by Interpol

India involved in drug transit

NEW DELHI, Aug. 5 (AFP) — India is fast burgeoning into a major transit country for narcotics, placed as it is between the "golden triangle" of Burma, Thailand and Laos and the "golden crescent" of Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran. It is even becoming a possible source of opium-based narcotics to the Western world, including Australia and New Zealand.

From a modest transit country in the early 1970s and a harmless destination for soft-drug addicts, India has now found a place in Interpol's confidential *Intelligence Bulletin* as a major source of information on world drug-running.

The *Bulletin* says "even India is said to be a major exporter of opium-based drugs. It is believed by many that considerable amounts of Indian and Pakistani heroin, through Nepal, are reaching Australia and New Zealand."

This is the first time that Interpol has said that India is involved in the world's estimated \$100,000 million narcotics business. The Indian entry into the international drug world is very recent. In United Nations International Narcotics Control Board reports of 1979 and 1980 India was not mentioned at all.

The Indian connection started unfolding at the beginning of this year, when government sleuths were tipped off that a large consignment of cocaine was due to pass through. Agents in the western port city of Bombay stumbled on a consignment of Bolivian handicrafts shipped from La Paz. Hidden in them was 2.23 kilos of cocaine valued at about \$750,000. The seizure was the biggest in Asia — almost three times the annual cocaine haul in any single year.

Japan queries Soviet cutting of fishing nets

TOKYO, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Japan Wednesday again asked the Soviet Union to find out whether Soviet warships were responsible for cutting Japanese fishing lines off Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost main island, in May, government officials said. The officials said the Foreign Ministry made the request to the Soviet Embassy here.

Soviet and American warships are suspected of having accidentally severed Japanese fishing lines during Japan-U.S. joint military drills in May and negotiations have started between Japanese and American authorities on compensation to Japanese fishermen. Total damage is estimated at \$366,666, they said.

An official at the Soviet Embassy reiterated the statement made in late May that Soviet warships were not responsible for cutting fishing lines but said that he would convey the Japanese request to Moscow, they said. Soviet warships had been spotted near the maneuver areas at the time the fishing lines were cut.

South African troops engaged in border chase

OSHAKATI, Namibia, Aug. 5 (AFP) — South Africa's military commander in Namibia, Maj. Gen. Charles Lloyd, told a group of foreign journalists here in the operation zone that his troops were engaged in "hot-pursuit" operations across the border but were not occupying any area of Angola.

Gen. Lloyd said that the hot-pursuit operations were a continual process. "As we detect terrorists inside (Namibia) we follow them across the border," he said.

16 'untouchables' hurt 150 Indian homes set aflame

MADRAS, India, Aug. 5 (Agencies) — Infuriated by the teasing of some girls of their community, 400 upper caste Hindus set aflame 150 homes of "untouchables" or outcasts Tuesday in the southernmost Indian state of Tamil Nadu, police officials here reported.

All the houses were destroyed before fire engines reached the village of Dolar in South Arcot district, the officials said. At least 16 "untouchables" were reported injured in beatings.

A police force that rushed to the village, 200 kms southwest of Madras, was attacked by the mob. Several policemen were injured, the officials added.

The injured were reportedly 16 "untouchable" young men who were beaten by higher caste Hindus. The youths reportedly had been harassing some upper caste girls in the village by poking fun and making lewd remarks.

Meanwhile, a court at Patna, capital of Bihar state, Wednesday sentenced 50 persons to life imprisonment in a case in which at least 16 Hindu untouchables were burned alive in February last year. Eleven others were acquitted, reports said.

The mass murders took place at Pipra, in the Patna area, when homes of untouchables were attacked and set on fire by an armed mob of higher caste Hindus.

In an unrelated development, former defense minister and an important leader of the opposition Congress Party, Jagjivan Ram, Wednesday revolved, along with own supporters, against the leadership of his party, forcing a split in the group.

19 Ugandans drowned

KAMPALA, Uganda, Aug. 5 (AP) — An overcrowded ferryboat broke apart and sank in Lake Victoria near Entebbe, killing 19 Ugandans, police disclosed Tuesday. Six persons managed to swim ashore. Police said they were investigating the July 28th accident.

According to police, the wooden boat was carrying 25 passengers when a side of the ferry caved in. Police said most of the passengers could not swim and only six adults were able to reach land.

Lee returns home

VIENNA, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew returned home Tuesday after a four-day visit to Austria, it was announced. The prime minister had talks with Chancellor Bruno Kreisky during his stay.

Lay down all arms, say Tokyo marchers

TOKYO, Aug. 5 (AP) — On the eve of the 36th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, some 6,000 anti-nuclear demonstrators from 33 countries marched through the streets of Tokyo Tuesday night calling for an end to the global nuclear arms race.

Delegates from the 1981 world conference against atomic and hydrogen bombs earlier assembled in Tokyo's Miya Park amidst saffron-robed Buddhist monks and multicolored peace banners to hear speaker protest issues ranging from nuclear proliferation of uranium mining on American Indian lands.

The fifth international anti-nuclear conference drew participants from around the world, including the Soviet Union and the Soviet-bloc countries of Romania, Hungary, and the German Democratic Republic (East Germany). Delegates spoke about the need to lay down all arms and resume negotiations to curb nuclear weapons.

"SALT (Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty) II should be ratified at all costs," Rumpel Werner, secretary-general of the German Democratic Republic Peace Council, said about the scrapped U.S.-Soviet arms limitation proposal.

Noting that his country lies on the border between the Eastern and Western bloc nations, Werner said he fears that "Germany will be the launching pad for a Third World War." Since both Soviet and U.S. missiles are aimed across European soil, Werner called for removal of all nuclear weapons from Europe.

Spokesmen for anti-nuclear groups in Japan said this year's conference was heightened by recent concerns here over the transporting of nuclear warheads through Japanese waters by the U.S.S. *Midway*, the Japanese government's proposed military buildup, and Japan's controversial plan to dump radioactive waste in the Pacific Ocean off Micronesia. A contingency of Pacific islanders came to the conference to protest the Japanese ocean-dumping proposal.

Following a memorial service Thursday in Hiroshima for the victims of the first atomic bomb, the conference will reconvene in Nagasaki Saturday for its final two days.

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More funds planned

Pentagon to boost defense industries

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP) — The Pentagon is considering a plan to spend a half billion dollars a year to improve the defense industry's capability for swinging into full production in event of a war.

"We are looking very seriously at correcting some of the very glaring deficiencies in the industrial budget for gearing up production quickly in the event of a crisis," a senior Pentagon planner said Tuesday.

After burial

Panama recalls 'Omar' tales

PANAMA CITY, Aug. 5 (AP) — After Gen. Omar Torrijos was buried, some of those who knew Panama's charismatic strongman were swapping "Omar" stories.

His detractors contended heaped Castro in refusing to shuck the pistol-belt, fatigues and bush hat he always wore as he constantly toured the country talking to the peasants.

Britain expels Soviet official

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Viktor Lazin, a second secretary at the Soviet Embassy here, has been ordered to leave the country for activities "incompatible with his diplomatic status," the Foreign Office has announced.

U.S. Ambassador Ambler Moss, who knew him well, recalled his reckless macho streak.

Emergency declared in Greek area

ATHENS, Aug. 5 (AP) — The Greek government has declared the eastern area of the prefecture of Attica, which includes the capital city, in a state of emergency as firemen, troops and police fought to control huge forest and scrub fires that broke out in residential suburbs north of Athens.

estimates of the number of houses that had caught fire. "Our first priority is to save homes and lives, then we will count the damage," one fire brigade officer, who declined to be named, said.

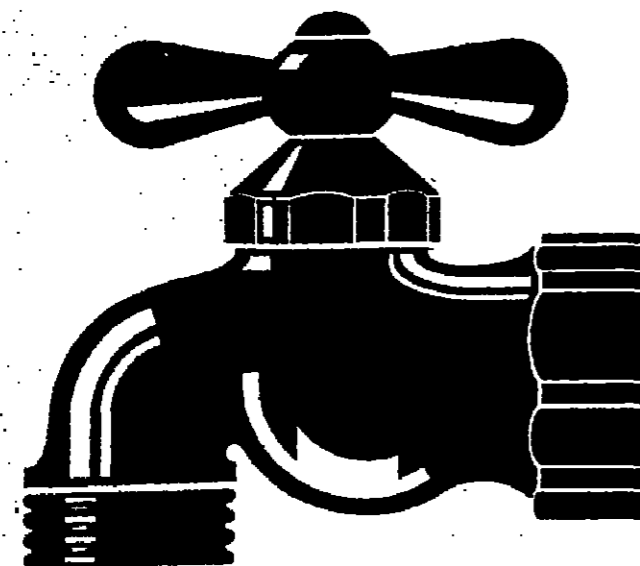
Premier George Rallis went on television to appeal for calm and the help of the public in fighting the blazes.

In a television appearance, the deputy prime minister and defense minister, Evangelos Averoff-Tossitsas, said arson was suspected. He said he and other members of the government had received threatening telephone calls and he warned possible arsonists they would be met with the full force of the law.

The suburbs of Ekali, Politia, Castri, Kifisia and Melissa, between six and 10 miles from the center of Athens, were ablaze.

The fires were the latest in a rash of blazes which have destroyed forests and farmland in several parts of the country since Sunday.

Police said two hospitals and two hotels were evacuated, but they were unable to give



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Valued at \$7.2m Wedding gifts go on show in London

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AP) — A red plastic cooking timer and sapphires the size of pigeon's eggs went on public display Wednesday at St. James Palace along with more than 700 other wedding gifts presented to Prince Charles and his bride Diana.

that could grace the 1,000-pound (\$1,810) king-size bed offered by a British firm.

television viewers around the world.

Among the treasures displayed at a press showing Tuesday was the United States' gift to the Prince and Princess of Wales — a Steuben glass bowl decorated with kings, noblemen and crusaders.

Organizers of the exhibition said that altogether between 5,000 and 6,000 gifts had been received by the royal couple and only a representative selection was on display.

Not shown are cows, horses and other livestock from loyal farmers. The prince and princess still have nearly 5,000 gifts to unpack, said a guard at the exhibition.

At crash site Argentine plane identified

MOSCOW, Aug. 5 (AP) — Argentine diplomats have identified the wreckage of a missing Argentine cargo plane and confirm that the crew perished when the craft went down in Soviet Armenia last month.

British eludes U.K. press

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AP) — Britain's royal yacht Britannia, with Prince Charles and his bride aboard on a honeymoon cruise, is proving something of a phantom ship for the British press since it sailed Saturday for the Mediterranean.

Ancient whale found in rock

CALABASAS, California, Aug. 5 (AP) — The fossilized bones of a 40-ton whale that died about 10 million years ago are being painstakingly uncovered from a site that had been destined for a housing development.

Pope undergoes second operation

ROME, Aug. 5 (R) — Pope John Paul, who was seriously injured in an attempt on his life in May, successfully underwent a 45-minute operation to restore the working of his intestines, his doctors said.

Salvador liberators kill 150 soldiers

SAN SALVADOR, Aug. 5 (AP) — At least 150 soldiers died in the government's recent offensive against liberation front forces on and around the Guazapa volcano, 53 kms northeast of here, a front spokesman said.

Dental student fined for gold fillings theft

NEW BRUNSWICK, New Jersey, Aug. 5 (AP) — A former dental student at the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey was fined \$775 for stealing gold teeth and fillings from cadavers at the college's medical school.

BRIEFS

PARIS, (AFP) — Two youthful racketeers who preyed on children drowned a 13-year-old boy when he refused to hand them over money they demanded — the victim was deaf and dumb and unable to swim.

Indian snakes paraded

NEW DELHI, Aug. 5 (AFP) — About 800 snakes, many of them cobras and other poisonous species, were taken in procession by bullock carts at Shirala, in Maharashtra state during "Nagpanchami" snake worship day celebrations Tuesday.

Japan landslides kill 3

TOKYO, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Three persons were killed in rain-triggered landslides and two others were missing in Hokkaido as typhoon Roy roared north toward the northernmost main island of Japan, police said.

PARIS, (AFP) — The unlucky bank robber in France stole the contents of a cashier's till at the Bred Bank at Maisons-Alfort, outside Paris, Wednesday and rushed out through a side entrance with self-locking double doors — and got stuck between them.

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, (AP) — Two valuable Rembrandt pictures were reported stolen Tuesday from an exhibition after the curator of a local museum where they had been displayed discovered that reproductions had been put in their place.

U.S. said proposing N-weapons for Asia

TOKYO, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Japan would have strong reservations about any United States plans to deploy theater nuclear weapons in Asia, and especially in Japan, a Foreign Ministry official told the daily Japan Times Wednesday.

44 Americans arrested for narcotic deals

MIAMI, Aug. 5 (AP) — Three hundred U.S. government agents arrested 44 persons Tuesday and were seeking 17 others on charges resulting from a 2½-year undercover FBI investigation into the laundering of narcotics money, authorities said.

Patient kept on oxygen lights cigarette, dies

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AFP) — A patient in a north London hospital has died after lighting a cigarette while on oxygen. The victim, 66-year-old Frederick Burgess, had been hospitalized in Colindale for bronchitis.

Japan landslides kill 3

TOKYO, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Three persons were killed in rain-triggered landslides and two others were missing in Hokkaido as typhoon Roy roared north toward the northernmost main island of Japan, police said.

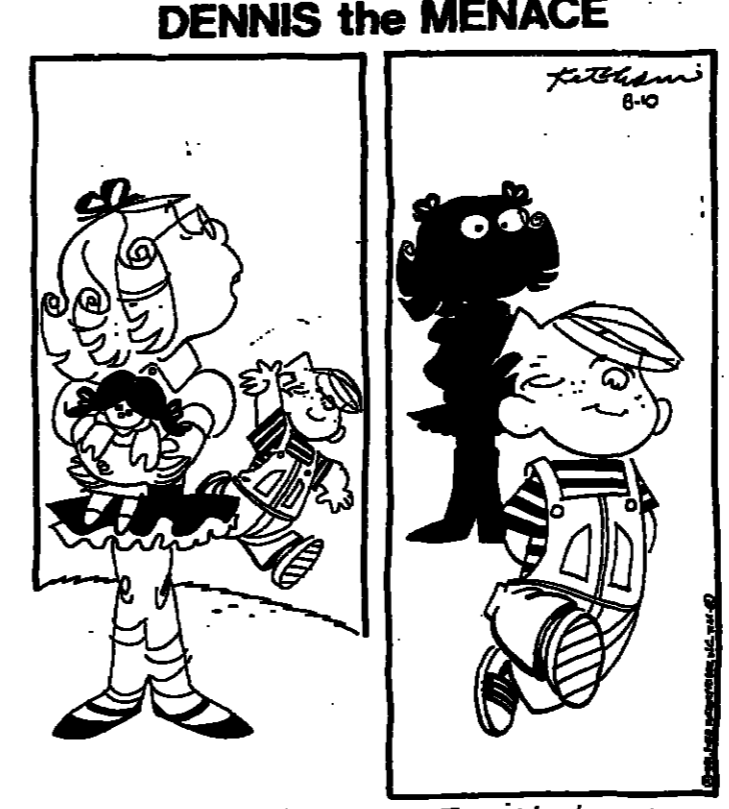
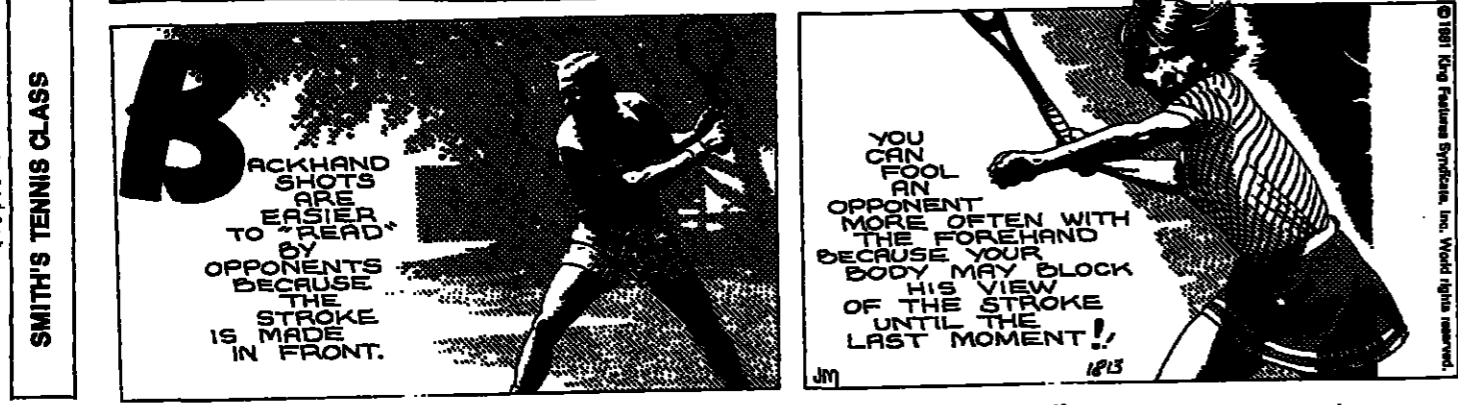
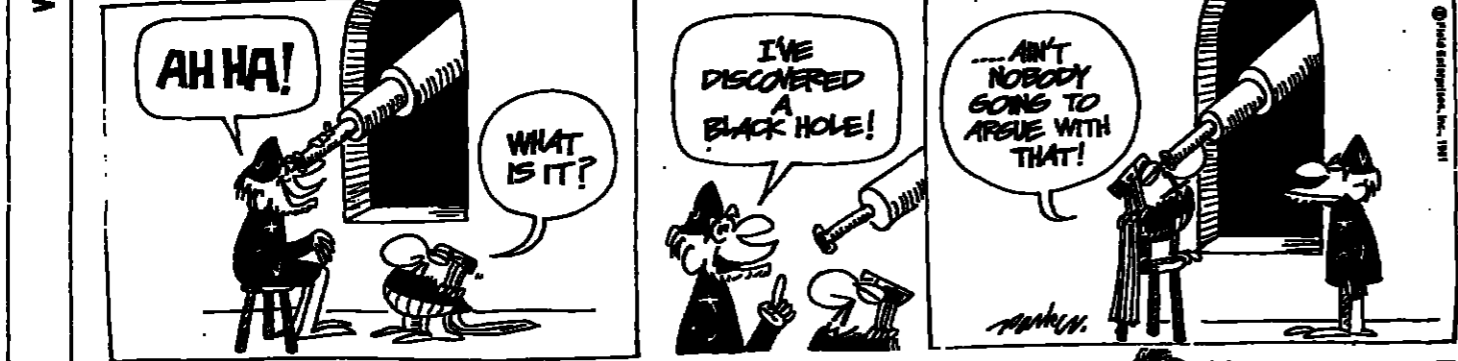
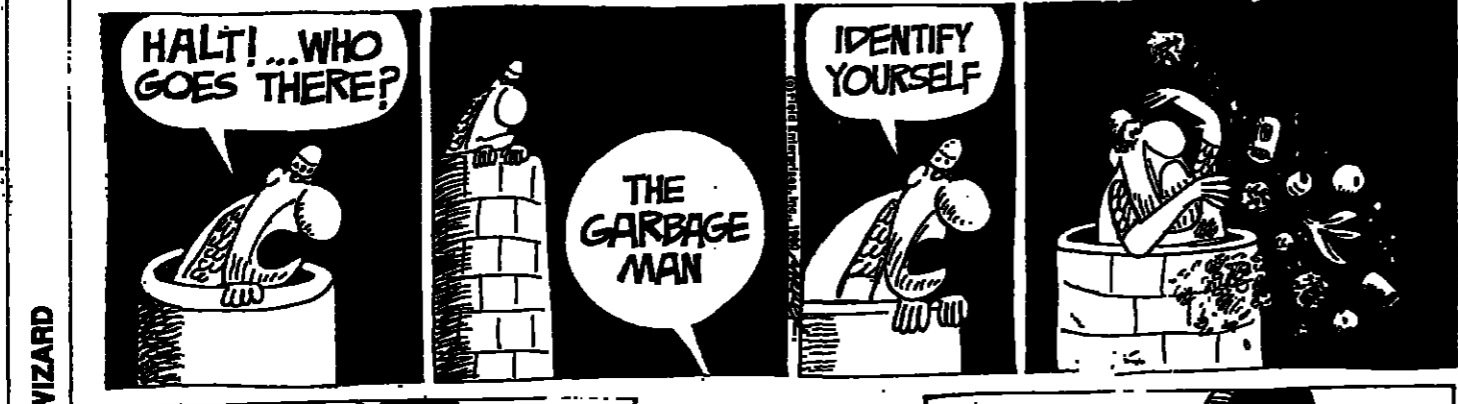
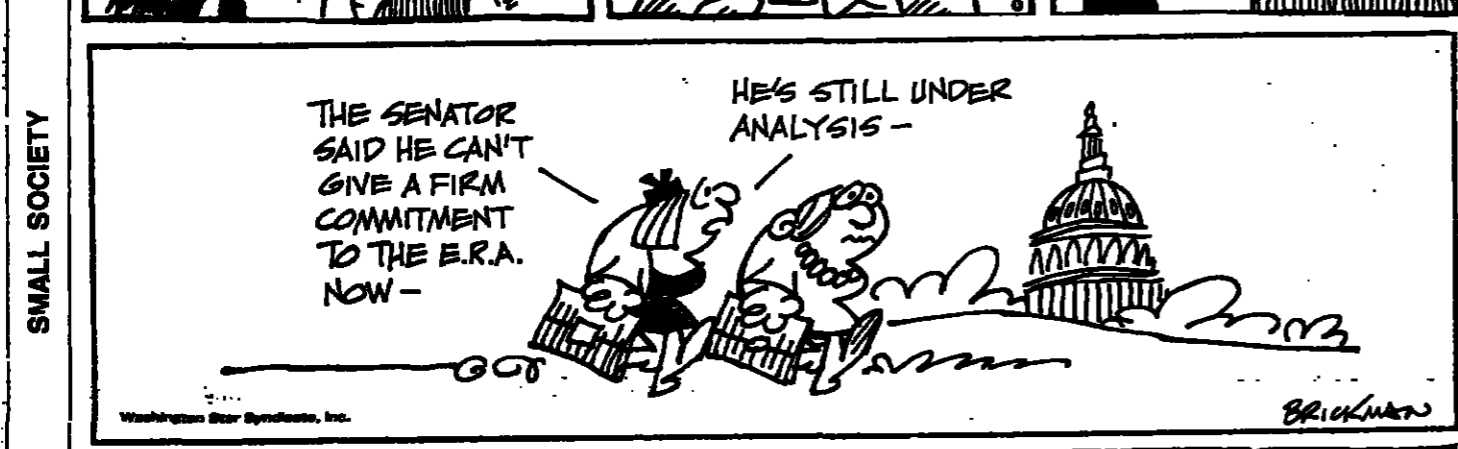
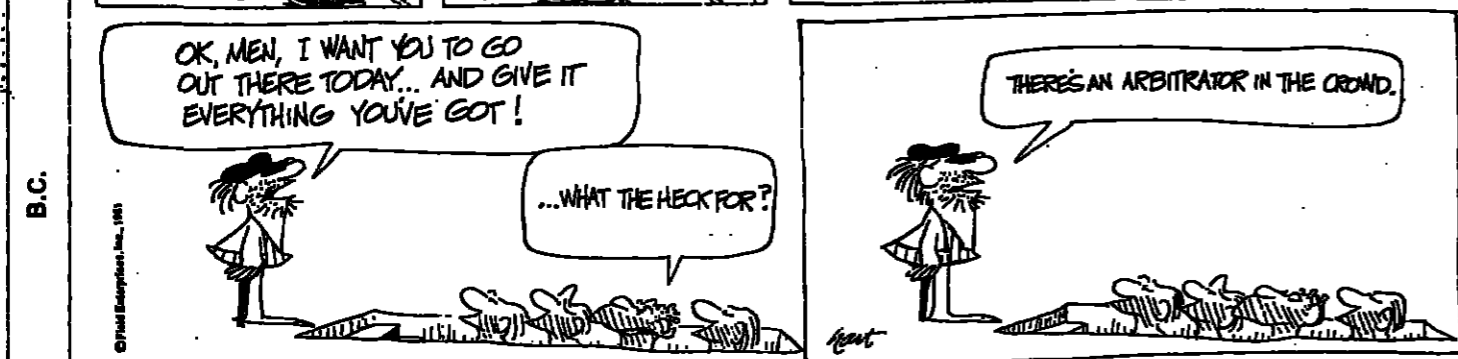
Indian snakes paraded

NEW DELHI, Aug. 5 (AFP) — About 800 snakes, many of them cobras and other poisonous species, were taken in procession by bullock carts at Shirala, in Maharashtra state during "Nagpanchami" snake worship day celebrations Tuesday.

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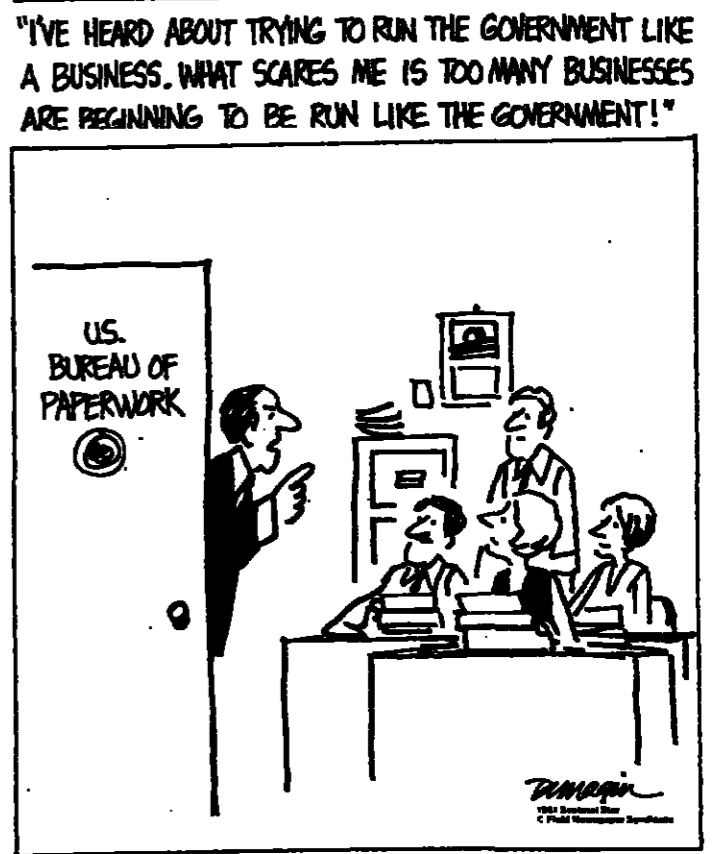


arab news Calendar

SAUDI ARABIA (Morning Period)	9:00 Quran 9:15 Caroons 10:15 Children's Songs 10:20 The Developing Mind 10:30 Arabic Series 12:00 Foreign Series 12:40 Arabic Series 1:40 Close Down (Evening Period) 5:00 Quran 5:10 Caroons 6:15 Local Arabic News 6:40 Religious Symposium 7:10 From the Folklore 7:45 English News 8:30 TV Magazine 9:50 Arabic News — Program Preview — Songs — Arabic Series — Arabic Weekly Series	9:45 Tomorrow's Program 9:50 Arabic Program 10:30 Arabic Film BAHRAIN Channel 55 5:00 Quran 5:15 Religious Talk 5:30 Caroons 6:00 Ninja Bands/Golden Eagle 6:30 Children's Series 7:00 Family 8:00 Local News 8:10 Arabic Series 9:00 Documentary 10:00 World News 10:25 Songs and Program Preview 11:00 Arabic Play DUBAI Channel 10 5:45 Quran 6:00 Caroons 6:25 Unnamed World 7:35 Theater of Stars 8:25 Rollin on the River 8:45 Fiasco 10:15 Bill Cosby Show 10:40 Rookies KUWAIT Channel 2 7:00 Quran 7:05 Sierra 8:00 News	8:15 Islam in North America 9:00 Trappor John 9:45 Serivoy 10:15 Crabb QATAR 3:00 Quran 3:15 Religious Program 3:30 Children's Daily Series 4:00 Caroons 4:30 Exhibits 5:15 Daily Arabic Series 6:00 Arabic News 6:15 Daily Comedy Series 6:45 Cultural Seminar 7:35 Daily Arabic Series 8:30 Arabic News 9:25 Youth and Sports 10:00 English News 10:20 English Film DUBAI Channel 33 6:00 Quran 6:10 Caroons 6:30 Here's Boomer 7:00 Sapphic and Shod 7:30 Who Dunagin? 8:00 Local News 8:05 Market Personal 8:35 Green Acres 9:05 Personal 10:00 World News 10:25 Angels 11:10 Hammer House of Horrors
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Radio Programs

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Morning Transmission Time Sunday 2:00 Opening 2:01 Holy Quran 2:06 Program Review 2:07 Gems of Guidance 2:12 Light Music 2:15 On Islam 2:25 Pop Variety 2:55 Light Music 3:00 News 3:10 Press Review 3:15 Light Music 3:20 Leaps & Bounds 3:30 Youth Welfare 3:40 Light Music 3:50 Close-down	BBC 4:00 World News 4:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary 4:30 The Premier's Years 5:15 Report on Religion 6:00 Radio Newsworld 6:15 Outlook 6:30 World News 7:00 Commentary 7:15 Sherlock Holmes 7:45 World Today 8:00 World News 8:09 Books and Writers 8:30 Talk One 8:45 Sports Round-up 9:00 World News 9:09 News about Britain 9:15 Radio News 9:30 Parading World 10:00 Outlook News Summary 10:39 Stock Market Report 10:43 Look Ahead 10:45 Letter in Focus 11:00 World News 11:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary 12:15 Talkshow 12:45 Nature Notebook 1:00 World News 1:09 World Today 1:25 Personal News 1:35 Personal News 1:40 Reflections 1:50 Sports Round-up 2:00 World News 2:09 Commentary 2:15 The Face of England
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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Romance is likely, but curb impatience. Do the right thing concerning a job-related matter. Relax and attend a movie or concert.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Financial opportunities improve, but be careful of extravagant tendencies.

CREATIVE ARTISTS are inspired and productive now.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Romance is especially satisfying. Remember to be considerate of a family member's feelings. Singles contemplate marriage.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Home-based activities are favored. You may plan a gala party. Avoid unnecessary worry about a job matter. Be careful of spending.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
Local visits have romantic overtones. Utilize creative energy constructively. Enjoy leisure activities, but curb extravagance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Shopping trips lead to major purchases for the home. You may hear of a good investment opportunity. Be patient with a family member.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
You're especially magnetic and will attract romance. Be decisive when faced with opportunity. Don't bicker with a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Don't be careless with your valuables. Privacy abets intimacy. You look forward to spending time alone with a dear companion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
You're popular now and will have a good time in the company of friends. Romance beckons, too! Avoid premature action regarding career.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Business and pleasure mix favorably, but keep important career matters confidential. Throw off minor resentments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
You're sympathetic, but don't let others impose on your good nature. Social life has glamorous moments. Travel is romantic.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
You'll want to reach out and help others now. Expect favorable career developments, but don't quibble about non-essentials.

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